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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) have launched `Choose Your Number Scheme` in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme alongwith the areas covered/ proposed to be covered under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) whether it is proposed to extend the scheme to other parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) to (e) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has launched 'Choose Your Number Scheme' w.e.f from 16.12.2011 in all the Telecom Circles of its operation in the Country. However, at present, there is no such scheme operative in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL). Salient Features of the BSNL Scheme are as follows:
List of spare Numbers from which customer can select mobile number of her/his choice is available on website of each of the circles of BSNL. The Customer can select one Mobile number of her/his choice from the available numbers.
Choose Your Number Option can also be availed by sending SMS from any number to 53734.